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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT

REF: ACCRA 557, JAN. 29, 1974

1. SEPT. 18 EDITORIAL APPEARING IN GOG OWNED "DAILY GRAPHIC: ENTITLED "U.S. AND COCOA PACT," COMMENTED ON "RECALCITRANT STAND OF THE U.S." IN NOT SIGNING 1972 INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT (ICA), STATING THAT THIS DID NOT SPEAK WELL FOR "COUNTRY WHICH IS STILL REGARDED AS THE BIGGEST IMPORTER OF GHANA'S COCOA". EDITORIAL URGED U.S. TO SIGN ICA WHICH "AMONG OTHER THINGS, WILL INCREASE PRICE STABILITY AND PROMOTE PRODUCTION".

2. REMARKS PROBABLY PROMPTED BY SEPT. 17 SPEECH BY COL.
K.A. TAKYI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, COCOA MARKETING BOARD, TO
JOINT MEETING IN ACCRA OF NATIONAL COCOA PRODUCTION COMMITTEE
AND REPRSENTATIVES OF WORLD BANK AND COCOA ASSOCIATION
OF LONDON. "GRAPHIC" REPORT OF SPEECH MENTIONED
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S COMMENT ON NEED FOR "\$40 MILLION LONGTERM AID" FROM IBRD FOR COCOA REHABILITATION BUT DID
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NOT CDICATE WHETHER HE COMMENTED ON U.S. AND ICA.

- 3. LAST PUBLICIZED STATEMENT ON MATTER WAS DURING JANUARY 1974 VISIT BY U.S. CHOCOLATE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION (REFTEL) WHEN THEN NEW COMMISSIONER FOR TRADE AND TOURISM, LT.COL. D.A. IDDISAH, EXPRESSED GOG DISPLEASURE THAT U.S. HAD NOT SIGNED ICA.
- 4. SEPTEMBER 17 NEW SUMMARY OF GHANA NEWS AGENCY NOTED BETWEEN OCT. 1, 1973 AND APRIL 30, 1974 U.S. SHARE OF GHANA'S EXPORT OF COCOA BEANS WAS 43,275 TONS, COMPARED TO SECOND BEST CUSTOMER WEST GERMANY WHOSE SHARE WAS 36,028 TONS.
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